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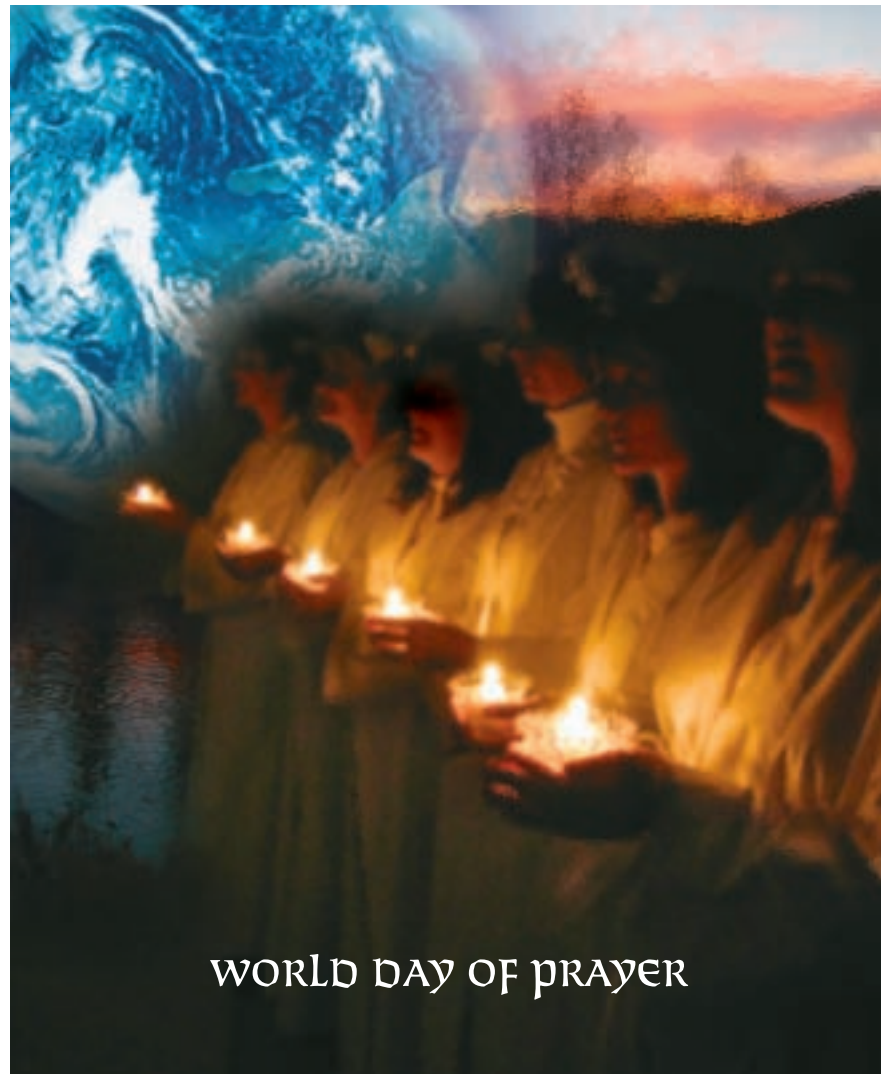
THE AMAZING POWER OF PRAYER

Jesus told the disciples, "Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20) The

Christ is always with us, of course – indeed, it is within us. Still, when we come together with another person in prayer, somehow we feel the presence of the Christ in a deep and profound way, and change happens.

Our Board of Directors begins each monthly meeting with 15 minutes of sacred silence to establish the consciousness of the evening and align with the Divine. Then, we check in with each other and share our personal prayer requests. One night during check-in, I requested prayer for a special person in my life that was in a place of despair. The very next day the person e-mailed me to let me know they had finally decided to get the professional help they needed to move into a healthier place. The very next day!

Simply put: There is a power to group prayer. This is why Unity sponsors World Day of Prayer each September where millions of people share the same prayer intention for a day. This year, the intention is world peace; and, instead of just one day, we will be praying an entire month beforehand. Unity has prepared a 30-day calendar of powerful prayer statements for peace leading to Sept. 13.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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Here is where you fit in: Your first invitation is to commit to pray every day for 30 days to build your prayer life and pray for world peace. Your second invitation is to ask one or more persons to do the same. Ask someone you care about to join you as a "prayer partner." We will have prayer calendars available at the Sunday services and on our website at www.ucop.org, or call the church at 913-649-1750, and we will send you one.

Meanwhile, we will be leading a five-week Sunday series, called "The Amazing Power of Prayer," beginning Aug. 12. You will learn effective prayer tools, practices and rituals to deepen your connection to the Divine in you. We will also address tough questions like why prayer doesn't always turn out like you hoped and how to quiet your mind when you are trying to meditate.

Invite your prayer partners to come with you to church or listen to the Sunday lessons on-line. (See page 2 for more information on the World Day of Prayer opportunities.) Together we will establish a powerful consciousness of prayer that will call forth peace in your life and in our world.

Peace and Blessings,
Patricia



*Rev. Patricia Bass
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Mary Manin Morrissey

Sunday, August 5, 2007

9 am & 11 am —

“Spirituality for Busy People”

Join Unity Church of Overland Park on August 5 as we welcome back Mary Manin Morrissey for a special worship lesson and workshop.

Minister, teacher, and author Mary holds a Bachelor's degree in Education, a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology and a Doctorate of Humane Letters.

She founded and for 23 years served as senior minister of a dynamic church—the Living Enrichment Center. Mary is the author of two best-selling books, *Building Your Field of Dreams*, which was adapted into a one hour PBS special, and *No Less Than Greatness*.

Together with the Gandhi and King Foundations, she addressed the United Nations as national co-chair for the Season of Nonviolence. And in conjunction with the Association for Global New Thought, Mary co-facilitated ‘The Synthesis Dialogues’ with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and other world leaders. Mary now continues her ministry as she travels, speaks and teaches worldwide.

Mary will share her uplifting and inspiring message “Spirituality for Busy People” at the 9 am and 11 am services.

1:30 pm Workshop: “Unlocking Your Soul's Code: Pathway to Breakthrough”

Discover the Three Initiations that Reveal... Release... and Develop...Your Given Divine Powers. By unlocking the mystery of our Soul, we understand the significance of our power to create dreams and make a difference for good. These Initiations reveal our Divine powers and gifts to bring forth our Soul's longing and intent. The initiations not only offer a breakthrough past obstacles and restrictions but also offer an insight and practice that open us to greater and greater vistas of possibility.

14TH ANNUAL

Unity World Day of Prayer THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

*We are peacemakers, one in the love of God.
With hearts united, we establish harmony
and peace in our lives and in the world.*

and our Chaplains

• 30-day calendar with daily affirmations
for world peace included in the bulletins.

As in the past, Unity Church of Overland Park will partner with Unity World Headquarters to support this event to hold the vision for a world in peace in the following ways:

- Prayer List in the Sunday bulletins beginning Aug. 12. Print names of those you want held in prayer to be sent to Silent Unity to be read during their 24-hour prayer vigil.
- Five-week lesson series on how to use prayer beginning Aug. 12
- Healing Service scheduled for 7 pm, Aug. 29 in our Sanctuary with Rev. Patricia

Activities at the Activities Center at Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village, Mo. include:

- Sept. 12:
Opening Ceremony, 7 pm
- Sept. 13:
Silent Unity Prayer Service, 11 am
Participatory Celebration, 11:30 am
Evening Prayer Celebration, 7 pm

More information is available at www.worlddayofprayer.org, or at www.ucop.org.

Fall Faith 2007 ~ September 30 – November 16

Come and experience the excitement of Fall Faith 2007 at Unity Church of Overland Park. For seven weeks from Sept. 30 to Nov. 16, we will come together as a spiritual family to deepen, experience and celebrate our core values of Service and Community.

A highlight of our fall activities is when we gather on Wednesday evenings for music, meditation and small group study. Afterwards, we will have fellowship in Harmony Hall. In addition to the Wednesday night circles, home and daytime circles will be available.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this all-church event. Fall Faith will culminate with a celebration and auction on Nov. 16.

Stay tuned to the Sunday bulletins as more information is revealed about Fall Faith 2007. If you want more information, or want to volunteer for the planning committee, please contact Greg Coles at 913-649-1750, ext. 3057.

Celebration Circles – Oct. 3 to Nov. 14
Weekly groups of 8-10 people, with a trained Facilitator.

Sign-up to be a Facilitator by Aug. 26
Sign-up to join a circle by Sept. 30

Celebration and Auction – Nov. 16
Dinner, dancing and fellowship for our whole community
Silent & Live Auction



SUNDAY at UNITY

Celebration Services
9 am & 11 am

Please join us each Sunday at 9 and 11 am for prayer, inspiration and fellowship. Adult Celebration services are in the main Sanctuary and nursery childcare is available. Children Pre-K through uni-teens celebrate Spirit and Unity teachings at 9:00 and 11:00. Our Youth of Unity (9th—12th grades) meets at 11 am.

The Amazing Power of Prayer

Join us for a
five-week series on
“The Amazing Power of
Prayer”
August 12 to
September 9.



Spiritual Counselors

Unity Church of Overland Park offers a wide variety of support services to its members and guests. Spiritual counselors are available to assist you navigate through life in a time of need. They can help with such issues as depression, spiritual void, loneliness, anxiety, grief, prosperity, health, relationships, family, life direction, parenting and much more. Services are offered on a Love Offering basis. To schedule an appointment, call the Rev. Nancy Jerome at 913-649-1750, ext. 3018.



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ON-GOING CLASSES & GROUPS

ALL GROUPS & CLASSES ARE SUPPORTED BY LOVE OFFERINGS & CHILDCARE.

Make plan to join one of Unity Church of Overland Park's on-going classes that are offered to provide you support and stepping stones on your spiritual journey. For the most up-to-date class information, please go to www.ucop.org.

A Course in Miracles

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Thursdays
with Bill Frock

This life-changing class teaches how to apply wisdom and love in life rather than guilt and fear. Materials can be purchased at CommUnity Books and Gifts.

Boundary Busters

10 am to 11 am, Sundays

This adult class examines and discusses books of the highest universal principals of love, peace and oneness. The class is held in the church library.

Couples Connection

4th Friday • 6:30 pm

Usually meets each month at someone's home for potluck.

To join the e-vite list or get more information about Couples Connection, contact Jackie Megee at 913- 592-2303, or jackieam@kc.rr.com

Dreams

7 pm to 9 pm, Wednesdays
with David Huppe

Learn how to interpret your dreams for more awareness and meaning.

Green Team

2nd Tuesday • 7:00 pm

We are committed to promoting stewardship of the environment. For information on how you can help, contact Mike McCord at 913- 829-3854.

Joel Goldsmith—Infinite Way Study Group

7 pm to 9 pm, Wednesdays
with Dwight Briggs

Explore how the belief in two powers can inhibit our demonstration of God Realization.

Kansas City Cancer Healing Project

6 pm to 9 pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesday
with John Hofer

Receive hands-on energy healing. To schedule an appointment call 816-718-6358.

Men's Group of UCOP

8 am to 10 am, 1st Saturday

All men are welcome to come for breakfast and fellowship. For more information about the Men's Group please contact Peter Jarosewycz at 816-741-3575, or Curt Straub at 913-362-3393.

Recycled Teens

2nd Wednesday

This is a group of men and women of all ages who feel like recycled teens and wish to celebrate life with style. Many are retired but not all. They meet for breakfast or lunch. For more information, contact Doris Milliken at dmilliken@aol.com.

Reiki Circle

7 pm to 9 pm, 2nd and 4th Monday
with Karen Harrison

Reiki is the universal life force energy expressed through lying of hands. It heals on physical, mental, emotional and spiritual levels. The class is open to practitioners as well as those who want to experience a 10-minute Reiki treatment.

Women's Group of UCOP

Third Sunday

The general meeting is held on the third Sunday, but various groups and activities happen throughout the month. We also participate in service projects for Unity Church of Overland Park and the greater metropolitan area. Join the e-mail distribution list by contacting Linda Bedell at linda@bedell.org, or call 913-631-6750.

SUPPORT GROUPS

For the most up-to-date support group information, please go to www.ucop.org.

Alanon

Tuesdays and Thursdays • 7–8 pm
For families & friends of alcoholics

Alcoholics Anonymous

Mon, Wed or Thurs • 7:30–8:30 pm
Tues. • noon

Last Monday of the month is the open meeting.

Codependents Anonymous

Tuesdays • 7–8 pm

A 12-step program that will help you face and work through your codependency issues. Come and join us; then start a wonderful new journey of deeper self-understanding.

Narcotics Anonymous

Mondays • 7–8 pm

This 12-step program is for those for whom drugs had become a major problem. By meeting regularly we help each other stay clean.

Overeaters Anonymous

Wednesdays 6–7 pm

Thursdays 11:30 am–1 pm

A 12-step program for support in turning over your food issues to a higher power.

Stand-Up Parenting

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Tough Love is a support organization for parents and family members of persons struggling with unacceptable behaviors. Come join this circle of people who can help you understand and meet the challenges of your current situation.

Wednesday Winners:

Debtors Anonymous

Wednesdays • 7–8 pm

A 12-step program for those who overspend and under-earn. The goal is to live financially solvent one day at a time.

Featured Affinity Group

NEW UCOP SINGLES GROUP • YOUR INVITATION TO CONNECT

ICE CREAM MEET & GREET • 12:30 PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

As I entered Harmony Hall to attend a class, I wondered, "Where am I going to sit? It seems that almost everyone is paired with another person, either friends or spouses. What should I do?" Then I saw a table with a few people that just might be single, like me.

The class was fun; the table was fun and interactive in parts, but at times our table seemed stumped by some of the questions. Finally I spoke up and said, "My hope is to find other singles to socialize with. It's really difficult when you are new in the area." I looked at the others at the table and finally Jay Woods said, "Why don't you start a Unity Church of Overland Park Singles Group? We started a Singles Group several years ago."

Then Jay looked at Jane Sauve-Woods and said, "Because of that Singles Group, I met Jane, and we just celebrated our seventh anniversary."

I looked at Jay, Jane and the others sitting at the table and nearly shouted, "I WILL, but I am going to need help." That's when I looked at Doug and told him I would do it if he would help with the brand new Singles Group. And so began the journey.

I didn't know on that March night what the next 90 days would entail. Within a few days, I received an e-mail

from Linda Riggs saying she and a few others were meeting with Greg Coles to visit about the idea of a Singles Group and could I join them? Three months later, Linda Riggs, Kathy Jones, Sean Maxwell, Doug MacLaughlin, Laura Degnan and I, Lona Davis, have prayed and meditated with Greg Coles nearly each Monday evening in search of our vision. At times the road was tough, but our Spiritual Energy and Infinite Creative Source have led us to the "new" Singles Group at UCOP!

Unity Church of Overland Park's Singles Group is designed to encompass the diversity of the singles lifestyle within our spiritual community. Our desire is to nurture an atmosphere for any single to feel comfortable; a family of friends to play and laugh with; to pray with during Sunday worship, and together as a group service our church community. We worked hard on a Single's Mission Statement, Single's Prayer and a Calendar of Events in addition to other items for review by the staff.

Our creation is complete!

And now, it is with great pleasure, we extend an invitation to every Unity single to join us! Mark your calendar for an Ice Cream Meet and Greet at 12:30 pm, Sunday, Sept. 9 in Harmony Hall! We want to meet you; we want to get to know you, and we want to hear your ideas to bring our Singles Group to life. And, we want your help. Each Sunday in August, a Singles Group table will be set up in Harmony Hall, so you can stop by to leave your contact information and get a Calendar of Events.



Our core founding members of the New UCOP Singles Group are Cathy Jones, Doug MacLaughlin, Linda Riggs, Sean Maxwell and Lona Davis.

Singles Mission Statement

We are here to initiate
and maintain
A divine connection
With spiritually-minded
single adults
and
To continue our spiritual growth
through
Unconditional acceptance
and activities in an
Atmosphere that nurtures
and honors
Our mind, body and spirit.



Youth & Family Ministry



Danette & Victor Velez
YFM Co-Directors

VBS

VBS (Vacation Becoming School) involved a lot of horsing around this



Ann Warren teaches grooming techniques

year. It was built around an equestrian theme. Children and Teens had separate experiences in which they learned grooming, riding and caring of horses. They also learned to nurture their own spiritual natures through practicing stillness and learning to align their minds and hearts with Spirit through positivity and gratitude.

M&M Time

On Sunday Mornings in M&M Time (Music & Meditation) one of the children's favorite songs is "I Got the Power" that is based upon Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore's early writings. Over the next several months they will be studying the incredible powers and abilities that they have within them as children of God—powers such as Love, Imagination, Wisdom, Faith and Enthusiasm!



Aaron Brisbane gives ponycart rides

Move-Up Sunday

August 19 our church will celebrate as our children move into their new classrooms!

Volunteers

The Volunteers for the Youth and Family Ministry are a wonderful team of fun-loving adults. If you feel God calling you to join our team as a teacher, assistant or background person let us know!

Much Love and Blessings,
YFM Staff - Victor, Danette,
Rebecka and Adrienne

Contact Victor Velez at 913-649-1750 ext. 3009 or email velez@ucop.org

Green Team NEWS

Green Team Stays Active

Unity Church of Overland Park's Green Team has been busy. Mike McCord, Curt Straub, Mike Wegner, Kaedden Michael Timi and Amiel Hellman recently conducted an environmental audit of the church. They looked at all areas of the building, grounds and operations in order to find ways in which UCOP can operate more efficiently and at less cost while conserving and protecting the environment.

The team studied the physical building; grounds; lighting; water heating and usage; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; operations and maintenance; computers and appliances, and more. After the information is evaluated, the committee will present their conclusions and recommendations to the Board.

In addition to completing the audit, the Green Team recently sponsored a presentation by John Fish Kurmann of the KC Food Circle and ReEnergizeKC and Lisa Markley, a registered dietician, volunteer with the KC Food Circle and board member of the KC Center for Urban Agriculture. At a June 13 program, Kurmann spoke about the benefits of eating locally produced organic food. Copies of the KC Food Circle Directory were distributed.

"I admire the organic farmers for working with nature instead of against

it," shared Markley. "The main thing to remember about organic farming is that the fruits and vegetables are fresher, more nutritious and taste better."

Then, members of the Green Team joined with Earth Care Ministry members, who attended the Unity People's Convention, to participate in the Gathering of Waters ceremony. This was a communal observance to honor our connection with nature. Carolyn Kenyon led the group with everyone bringing some water that was sacred to them. Following prayers, meditation and drumming, the waters were blessed and added to a communal water container. The communal water was then poured into the lake so that the blessed waters intermingled with it

In celebration of Earth Day this past April, McCord replaced the Ginkgo tree, which the Green Team donated. Also, two flowering plum trees near the labyrinth were replaced. A total of six new trees are on the church grounds as a result of the Green Team's dedication and efforts.

The Green Team always welcomes new members interested to help improve and protect our environment. The team meets monthly at 7 pm on the second Tuesday. For more information, call Mike McCord at 913-829-3854.

Men's Group: "Sailing the Florida Keys"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 8 AM

Instead of the regular first Saturday breakfast meeting (due to Labor Day weekend), the group will meet on September 8. For that meeting, the speakers will be five UCOP men who recently sailed in the Florida Keys for an adventure of their lifetime. Paul Heath and his son-in-law Eric

Lake, Gary Bennett, Randy Gerard and Brian Evens will share their experiences and will show photographs of their journey.

For more information about the Men's Group please contact Peter Jarosewycz at 816-941-3575 or Curt Straub at 913-362-3393.

From the PIT



Fred Albers
Music Director

Meet the Band

By Fred Albers

Greetings from the Pit:

In this issue you will get to know our drummer, Keith Mallory. Keith and I began making music together in 1976 at Fort Hays State University, and I love making music with him here at the church. So, here's Keith....

It makes me smile to think that I have been performing at Unity Church of Overland Park for 12 years as a member of this awesome band. It has been and still is a great journey of friendship, trust and musical compatibilities.

I went back to school at Washburn University to get a teaching certificate to teach K-6. I love that age for learning music because they are so excited to be musical they can hardly contain themselves. I believe if children have an excellent and positive experience during the K-6 years, they are more likely to keep music as part of their curriculum in middle and high school.

I have 24 years experience teaching marching bands, camps, clinics and workshops all over the country. My current stint at Washburn University is the fifth higher education program I have worked with. I took the position as assistant Marching Band Director/Director of Marching Percussion, so I could pay for school. The Director left, and they asked me what it would take for me stay on as

Director. I did not even blink and told them full benefits.

They created a position for me as the Director of Athletic Bands, so here I am. It is a half-time position with full benefits. God is Good!

The other half of my time is playing in clubs and teaching private lessons. I work with marching bands at Blue Springs High School and Lee's Summit North High School. Through it all my golden retriever Aubry (Bree) keeps me sane and well grounded. She loves to go to the marching band rehearsals and hang out with all the kids. She is a big hit with every one.

My mother lives close to church, and my younger sister is in town. Between the two of them the honey-do list is always full, and my idle hands always have a place to be busy.

...and we are glad Unity Church of Overland Park is on Keith's honey-do list!



Keith Mallory

COMING HOME TO MYSELF: Renew, Regroup, Remember...

Women's Retreat led by Rev. Susan Burnett-Hampson with Rev. Patricia Bass and Bukeka Newby Shoals September 14 & 15 (6 pm Friday—5 pm Saturday) • The Spiritual Retreat Center at Unity Village

Women and friends of Unity Church of Overland Park, renew your spirit and connect more deeply with the presence of the Divine at the annual Women's Retreat, "Coming Home to Myself: Renew, Regroup, Remember."

The retreat will be facilitated by Rev. Susan Burnett-Hampson, who is the founder of Wisdom Works, a coaching and consulting ministry that specializes in offering retreats, workshops and trainings. In 2006, Burnett-Hampson led this ministry through a transformational visioning process that has set the tone for joyful expansion, organization and outreach. Joining her will be Rev. Patricia Bass, who is the senior minister at Unity Church of Overland Park, and Bukeka Newby Shoals, a popular vocalist and entrepreneur.

The retreat will be a time of sacred communion with each other and with your own soul. Through prayer, deep listening, amazing music and heart-to-heart sharing with other women, you will truly open the doors of your soul to behold the beauty and power that is you!

The event will be held at the recently opened Spiritual Life Center on the grounds of Unity's world headquarters in Unity Village, Mo. You will have an opportunity to absorb and breathe in the beautiful grounds and be immersed in the powerful prayer consciousness so deeply rooted in this place. Food will be provided by Unity Inn. The cost of the

retreat is \$175.

At our Sunday morning services on Sept. 16 at UCOP, the retreat participants will receive a special blessing from our church family. On Sunday after the women's retreat, Rev. Susan will return to Unity Church of Overland Park to celebrate both morning Services. The talk "New Set of Eyes: Encountering the Hidden God" is based on the book of the same name by Paula D'Arcy.

The core message of her talk is: God is not an object for careful study but, rather, a subject to be encountered, which will totally change the way we experience our lives. Please join us at both the 9 am and 11 am Celebration Services.

To quote from the book, D'Arcy says:

I used to think there was a formula or a set "way" to follow, but the inner journey seems to have no one course. Only that hands must be empty. Heart must be seeking. Treasured conclusions must be set aside. Beliefs are small in front of Divine brightness. It doesn't matter what I hold to be true. All that matters is what is. Such emptiness the Spirit demands. Such childlike trust. Such wanting.

(The planning committee wishes to acknowledge and to thank Karen Drucker for permission to use the retreat title "Coming Home to Myself.")

For more information go to www.ucop.org, visit the table in Harmony Hall to register, or call Rev. Nancy Jerome at 913-649-1750, ext. 3018.



Bukeka Newby-Shoals



Rev. Susan Burnett-Hampson



Rev. Patricia Bass

Book Signing—



with Jeannine C. Fox

Award-winning speaker, inspiring author and Unity Church of Overland Park member, Jeannine C. Fox, will be signing her new book, *Holy Paws—how my dog helped me heal from abuse* on Sunday, Sept. 9 after the 9 am and 11 am Celebration Services

Holy Paws is the compelling true story of how God used Baby, a dog, to walk Jeannine through the process of healing from her childhood abuse. It presents a unique and extraordinary approach to spirituality and personal growth.

While *Holy Paws* is Jeannine's personal story, its message is universal. It is a triumphant account of hope over despair, understanding over anger, trust over fear, and survival over loss.

Jeannine wrote the book with the hope that others, regardless of whether they were abused, will be drawn to discover their own account of God's love and healing presence in their lives.

For more information go to www.holypaws.com.

Rev. Patricia Bass says in her endorsement of *Holy Paws*, "At the heart of Jeannine's story is her awakening to a God of love. Indeed, this is the essence of everyone's healing journey—to remember and reclaim God's unconditional love. Jeannine's courageous and compelling words reach into our hearts to remind us that we are all holy, and nothing can separate us from God. Nothing!"

Used Books and CD Section Opens in Bookstore

CommUnity Books and Gifts recently opened a used books and CD section in the store. It is located at the back of the store and offers a wealth of inspirational and educational materials for all ages. The prices are reduced significantly from the suggested retail price.

"We are proud to expand our selection of spiritual resources for our members and guests," said Joan Doane, bookstore manager. "Since inventory is flying off the shelves, we are always seeking new donations." To donate books, CD's, DVD's and magazines, please bring your inventory to the bookstore.

Book titles include such well-known authors as Dr. Wayne Dyer, Eckhart Tolle and Eric Butterworth and musical artists as Karl Anthony.



Advanced EFT with Garland Landrith

7—9 pm • Thursdays
August 16 to September 13

Dr. Garland Landrith is coming back to Unity of Overland Park and is offering the advanced Level 2 Emotional Freedom Technique. The biggest problem people encounter after learning Level One Tapping is figuring out what to say and

what issues to tap on. Both these points will be extensively covered in this advanced training class. In addition we will focus on how to find those illusive core issues that are the real stumbling blocks to achieving abundance in this life.

This is a Level-2 Certificate of Training Course, requiring that you have taken a previous class in EFT either with Dr. Landrith or someone else to attend this advanced seminar. Pre-registration is requested. Love Offering



Unity Church of Overland Park is partnering with the Heartland Habitat for Humanity to build our 10th home at 1229 S. 34th St., in Kansas City, Kansas.

The Habitat team is signing up volunteers to build a home for a family. No prior home construction experience is necessary. Even if you have never swung a hammer, or hung sheet rock, the team can find work for you! Register to help at the Habitat table in Harmony Hall.

Financial support is also needed and appreciated. If you know someone who can contribute materials or money, please let the team know.

For more information, please contact Roger Davis at 816-678-7576, or Jim Szegedi at 913-484-9801.



UCOP is a proud sponsor of this home built in September 2006 in Kansas City, Kansas



Homeowner: Danisha Carter and Jarell, Kayla, Davion and Shakila

CALENDAR OF CLASSES

“Establish meaningful connections, while deepening your understanding of life.”

*Important Note:
All classes are taught on a
Love Offering basis. Your
offerings support both
UCOP and our teachers for
their time and dedication.
Pre-registration is also
greatly appreciated!
Thank you.*

Call Rev. Bob Barth
913- 649-1750 ext. 3056
to register—state your name,
phone no., address and
indicate the class(es) you
desire to attend.
Or e-mail this information to
rbarth@ucop.org.
Enjoy!

Child Care

For all classes, childcare is available
Monday – Thursday evenings. A \$5
love offering per child is appreciated.



UNDERSTANDING LIFE'S COMPASS | *Greg Klein*

Monday, August 6 • 7—9 pm

This workshop models how to use the events in life to help find Heaven on Earth and the Peace of God. With a simple change in perspective see the natural compass within you that has always pointed towards Love and God. Bring a notebook. Pre-registration is requested. Love offering.



ANGELS AMONG US | *Steffany Barton*

Thursday, August 9 • 7—9 pm

After a brief discussion on her work with angels, guardians, and spirit guides, Steffany Barton, RN and UCOP congregant, will demonstrate spirit connections. Steffany brings messages of hope and healing from the spirit world to our world. Pre-registration is requested. Love offering.



WHAT IS UNITY? | *Rev. Patricia Bass*

Sunday, August 12 • 12:30—1:15 pm

If you would like to know more about Unity and your ministry, you are invited to attend “What Is Unity?” This is great for newcomers because you may ask your questions about Unity in general and our church in particular. All are welcome. Pre-registration is requested.



THE ALCHEMY OF JOYOUS LIVING | *Pamela Welch*

2 Wednesdays, August 15 & 22 • 7—9 pm

Do you feel a desire - that deep yearning in your soul - to experience a continuous flow of joy throughout your life? Have you ever noticed how strongly attracted you are to joyful people? In this class, Pamela will share both the practical application and the transformative process for creating a magical life. Pre-registration is requested. Love offering.



ADVANCED EFT | *Dr. Garland Landrith*

5 Thursdays, August 16—September 13 • 7—9 pm

Dr. Garland Landrith is offering advanced Level 2 EFT, Emotional Freedom Technique, class. The biggest problem people encounter after learning Level One Tapping is figuring out what to say and what issues to tap on. Both these points will be covered in class. A previous EFT class with Dr. Landrith or someone else is required. Pre-registration is requested. Love Offering



GET INTUIT! CLAIMING YOUR INTUITIVE ABILITIES | *Steffany Barton*

2 Tuesdays, August 21 & 28 • 7—9 pm

We are all created to connect with the Divine through the voice of our intuition. Steffany Barton, RN and UCOP congregant, will orient each person to the intuitive channels, and assist in understanding the language of spirit. Pre-registration is requested. Love offering.



HEALING OILS IN THE BIBLE | *Mary Finestead*

Monday, August 20 • 7—9 pm

Would you like to get a whiff of a Holy Anointing Oil? Have you ever wondered why the Three Wise Men brought gifts of Frankincense and Myrrh to the Christ child? If you are intrigued, come, savor and enjoy 12 of the most significant oils of the Bible. Pre-registration is requested. Love Offering



THE ROSETTA STONE OF UNDERSTANDING ONE'S SELF (AND OTHERS) | *Greg Klein*

Tuesday, September 4 • 7—9 pm

Unlock the mysteries of yourself and the world! The workshop will demonstrate the tools necessary to truly know yourself and to make sense of the world! The challenge lies in that most people were never taught this communication method. Bring a notebook and an old journal of difficult times. Enrollment limited. Pre-registration is requested. Love offering.



YOGANETICS: ONE BREATH AT A TIME | *Wyatt Townley, E-RYT 500*

Mornings: 9:30—10:30 am / Evenings: 6:30—7:30 pm • 24 Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 10 - Dec. 6

Yoganetics is a breath-based system of flow yoga done on the floor in slow motion with the eyes closed. A kinder, gentler yoga, the Yoganetics program tends body, mind and spirit and moves beyond the mat to affect all areas of life. Beginners are welcome, and people of all ages, sizes and levels fill the classes, For more information, call 913- 381-1984, or go to www.yoganetics.com.

**THE PRESENCE PROCESS** | *Kathy Armstrong, PhD***10 Mondays, September 10—November 19 • 7—9 pm**

With *The Presence Process* by Michael Brown as a guide, we will use gentle yet powerful techniques, in a 10-week, step by step process of healing and releasing from self-defeating cycles. Learn to step into the joy and aliveness of present moment awareness and to significantly enhance inner peace and the ability to give and receive love. Pre-registration is requested. Love Offering.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** | *Rev. Patricia Bass***4 Wednesdays, September 5—26 • 7—9 pm**

If you would like to make a deeper commitment to your church family, then you are invited to attend our New Member Class. We will explore the teachings and history of the Unity movement and of UCOP, and learn about the ways you can serve. To become a member, attendance is required at the first class, as well as at least two other classes and at Membership Sunday on September 30. Pre-registration is strongly requested.

**SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR JOYFUL LIVING** | *Lisa Whitlow***3 Tuesdays, September 11—25 • 7—9 pm**

Does your spiritual life need a jump-start? In this class, Lisa Whitlow will guide you in many of the spiritual practices from Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and Sufi traditions. You will be introduced to practices that involve body, mind, and spirit. We hope to include a nature walk and/or a labyrinth walk! Pre-registration is requested. Love Offering

**INTERPRETING THE BIBLE** | *Eileen Stulak***5 Thursdays, September 20—October 18 • 7—9 pm**

10 SEE Core Credits

Discover the tools available to develop biblical interpretation skills as you review stories, parables, teachings, and healing stories in the Old Testament and New Testament writings. Learn different ways and approaches to understanding Bible literature. Pre-registration is requested. Love Offering

**I AM WORTHY OF LOVE** | *Bukeka Newby Shoals***Saturday, September 29 • 9:30—11:30 am**

"I am worthy of love, the kind you dream of, I am worthy of love." The lyric from this song is more about relationship with self than anyone else. Self love, value and worth are key to loving others and the world we live in. This two-hour workshop is a time of learning to love yourself at a deeper level. Wear comfortable clothes. Pre-registration is requested. Love Offering

Message from the Board

Unity Church of Overland Park has started a new year! Our year began in June with the Annual Meeting and the election of new Board members. You elected an incredible group of church members to represent the needs of our community in the upcoming year. The groundwork has been laid for increasing action on the pillars of our Vision. We have an exciting and busy year ahead of us.

By the time you read this we will have discerned not only the Board officers but also will have identified specific areas to which each Board member will serve as a liaison, such as the Facilities or the Growth and Development teams.

We encourage and want new groups to form to fulfill our vision. Our new

Singles Group is just such an example. Staff members can help you through this process. I invite you to keep your hearts open as to where you might be called to serve this year. Our growth as a church will be propelled by you offering your ideas, your time and your prayers.

Unity is built on prayer. The time that you spend alone in prayer and meditation, or with a prayer partner to set intentions, to support one another and to listen to the guidance of Spirit is the foundation for everything Unity represents. We can have a long reaching and positive affect on our community and the world. There is no "right" or "wrong" way to pray. Affirmations, extended silence, walking a labyrinth, guided med-

itation, Bible verses, music and dance—each are perfect if it connects you to your Higher Power and your greater good. For the September 13 World Day of Prayer, I invite you to become involved in our 30 days of continuous prayer. More information is provided in the newsletter and at www.ucop.org.

With love and blessings to each of you,
Danielle Keith, 2006-2007 President

*Danielle Keith*

Board Welcome

On June 10, 2007, members of Unity Church of Overland Park voted and welcomed their new Board of Directors. Individuals were elected to 2-three year member terms; 2-one-year member terms and 2-one-year alternate terms.

"I am excited about working with this new Board toward the greater good of our Church community," said Patricia Bass, "I commend the nominating committee for their diligent work to bring forward these highly qualified, prayer-conscious and service-focused individuals."

The Board attended a retreat July 14-15 to establish the direction for the church and their roles. Additionally, the Board reached out to the church commu-

nity and hosted a Community Circle on July 29. The purpose of the Community Circle was to take time to listen deeply to Spirit, to talk with members and guests and to discern meaning and direction for the church. (See page two for the complete Board listing.)

Healing Service

Mark your calendars for a sacred time at the August 29 Healing Service in the Sanctuary.

Farewell

Unity Church of Overland Park extends its heartfelt appreciation to retiring board members Terri Evans and Rebecca Martin, who both stepped into loving service for our ministry. Rebecca completed a one-year term where she served as Treasurer, and Terri completed three years on the board where she served numerous roles, including Secretary. We are grateful and blessed by their vision and prayer consciousness.



CELEBRATING THE VISION

Mission:

We are here to awaken and express the Christ Presence in individuals, families, our community and the world through prayer and meditation, joyful worship, spiritual education and loving service.

Unity Church of Overland Park's mission, values and vision were created, and now the five vision pillars are manifesting.

Our mission, values and vision are leading this ministry forward. Every class, group and new idea is evidence of these co-creative principles.

First Pillar — SERVICE

This year we added the AIDS Walk to community outreach efforts which include Easter Outreach, support of Care of Poor People and Pack-a-Backpack.

We partnered on an interfaith project, focusing on the Season of Non-Violence, Ripples of Peace Program, World Religion class and then expanded this to include three interfaith nights.

Second Pillar — RELATIONSHIPS

With the creative use of media, our Celebration Services are available at www.ucop.org and as podcast downloads, reaching anyone in the world!

Music is an important aspect to building relationships. The creative use of music was illustrated with Fred Bogart's workshop "One Voice."

Third Pillar — EDUCATION

Education is an important foundation at Unity Church of Overland Park. We have offered a variety of classes facilitated by leading teachers. Attendance is increasing. (Dr. Garland Landrith's EFT course drew 849 people over four classes.)

Our slate of guest speakers continues to be strong. We recently hosted Rev. Richard Rogers, Rev. James Trapp and Rev. Alice Anderson. Many more recognized teachers are scheduled throughout the year.

Fourth Pillar — PROSPERITY

We ended the 2006-2007 fiscal year on a high note with a positive cash flow. Another area of prosperity is the beautification of our facility. We recently painted walls, installed carpet and added a new display system for Spotlight Gallery.

Fifth Pillar — LEADERSHIP

We are blessed to have the individuals we do to lead us forward. We recently hired Dawn O'Malley as our new Director of Communications, and we are moving forward in our search for a Director of Service Ministries. For a full list of our staff please see page 2.

We continue to invite input from our spiritual community as we move forward and support our five pillars.

For more information about our strategic vision, visit our website at www.ucop.org, or contact Rev. Bob Barth (913-649-1750, ext. 3056).



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Glenda Analla



Dave Wakefield



Betsy Wenzel



Susie Wright

Chaplains now serving our congregation.

NEW PRAYER CHAPLAIN TEAM

The new Prayer Chaplain team is in place in service to our church community. One of the most supportive ways they are in service is to offer monthly prayer support calls to celebrate your life events and to sustain you in challenging times. It is a joy and sacred honor to serve you in this way.

Now is an excellent time to consider allowing the Prayer Chaplains to serve you if you are not currently receiving a wellness call. To sign up, call Rev. Nancy Jerome at 913-649-1750, ext. 3018, or complete the form at the Prayer Table in the foyer. It is our joy to pray with you.

Give yourself this gift of loving support!!!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mary Manin Morrissey
 Sunday, August 5 • Guest Speaker

“The Amazing Power of Prayer”
 SPECIAL SERIES: AUGUST 12—SEPTEMBER 9

Advanced EFT with Garland Landrith
 BEGINS AUGUST 16

Healing Service • 7:00 pm • August 29
 in the Sanctuary with Rev. Patricia Bass

“Sailing the Florida Keys”
 Saturday, September 8 • 8:00 am • UCOP Men’s Group

New UCOP Singles Group
 Ice Cream Meet & Greet • Sunday, September 9

Unity World Day of Prayer
 Thursday, September 13

WOMEN’S RETREAT
 September 14 & 15 • UNITY VILLAGE

Fall Faith 2007
 September 30—November 16

In observance of the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 3,
 the church offices and bookstore will be closed.
 We will reopen at 9 am, September 4.



“Kansas City Visions and Beyond”

Jeanita & Jerome Ives

PHOTO EXHIBIT
 August 5 to September 30
 Hours: M-Th 10-8



Kiss-Me-Kate



Wooly Thyme & Dianthus

PRAYER & Meditation

Our spiritual community is totally supported by prayer, which is one of our core values. At UCOP we have a Silent Prayer Team that prays daily over the prayer requests that are submitted each week. The people on this team do all of their work anonymously but are a vital part of this important work of our spiritual community. If you would be interested in joining this team, please call Rev. Nancy Jerome 913-649-1750 ext. 3018 or e-mail njerome@ucop.org.

Daily Noon Prayer

in our Peace Chapel allows an opportunity to “come apart for awhile” from the busyness of the everyday activities.

Mondays through Thursdays
 Noon —12:30 pm

with Rev. Nancy Jerome

Sunday Meditation

Our Peace Chapel is the sacred space in which you will find **silent meditation** each Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:30. Also **individual prayer support** from our Chaplains is available throughout the building following each celebration service. They are trained to hold a spiritual space, keep a confidence and pray with you “on the spot.”



Bookstore hours:	913-649-3875 (closed during services)
M-W	11-5:30
Th	11-7
Sun	8:30-1



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